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SUBJECT: BOMB DISPOSAL TRAINING

FOR AMB WEISS FROM DIKEOS; SANTO DOMINGO FOR RSO; PANAMA
FOR RSS

REF: NASSAU 341

1. I REGRET DEPT CANNOT PROVIDE DIRECT MEANS OR FUNDING
SUPPORT FOR BOMB DISPOSAL TRAINING TO HOST GOVERNMENT
POLICE DUE TO CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
ACT.

2. THERE IS NO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN AID OR STATE
DIRECTIVES UNDERWHICH DEPT CAN LEGITIMATELY EXPEND FUNDS
FOR FOREIGN POLICE TRAINING. ACCORDING TO USAID OFFICIALS,
WASHINGTON, SECTION 607, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961
AS AMENDED, RESTRICTS TRAINING OF FOREIGN POLICE SERVICES
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ONLY TO THOSE INSTANCES WHERE SUCH TRAINING IS FUNDED BY

HOST GOVERNMENT.

3. I WOULD SUGGEST TWO OPTIONS: A. DEPT ATTEMPT TO
LOCATE FOR GCOB A U.S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE SUCH AS U.S.
MILITARY, HAVING BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERTS, WHO WOULD BE WILLING

TO DISPATCH SUCH AGENTS TO NASSAU TO PROVIDE BOTH TRAINING
AND ADVICE ON TYPES OF BOMB DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

B. GCOB EMPLOY A PRIVATE CONSULTANT FIRM HAVING GOVERN-
MENT TRAINED BOMB DISPOSAL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN FORMER-
LY USED IN SUCH CAPACITIES OVERSEAS.

4. FOR BOTH OPTIONS, IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT FUNDING
WOULD BE BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

5. FYI: USAID STATED FOLLOWING INSPECTORS FROM BAHAMIAN
POLICE UNDERWENT NARCOTICS TRAINING MARCH 18-MAY 24, 1974,
AT INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY: GARTH ARTHUR JOHNSON
AND HUBERT STUBBS. THEY MAY BE USEFUL LIAISON CONTACTS.
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